

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 348 without my signature.

This bill will not accomplish its intended goal because, under the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution, international trade agreements are treaties that preempt state law.

However, for advice from states and local entities on trade policy matters, the federal government has established the Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee on Trade (IGPAC) which is comprised entirely of state and local officials. Appointed on a bipartisan basis, the Committee makes recommendations to the United States Trade Representative and the Administration on trade policy matters. The IGPAC provides the appropriate venue for the Legislature to express its views on international trade agreements.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger